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) **RESPONSE TO ELECTION**
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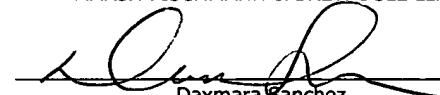
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to Election Requirement to address the Office Action having a mailing date of March 29, 2004. Although Applicant does not believe any extension is necessary or that any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response, please consider this a petition under 37 CFR 1.136 for an extension, if any, required to maintain the pendency of the present application and charge the required extension fee and other fees, if any, due in connection with this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

In the March 29, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner has taken the position that the above-identified patent application has claims directed to a number of patentably distinct species, namely Species I according to FIG. 4A, Species II according to FIG. 5A, Species III according to FIG. 6A, and Species IV according to FIG. 7.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims readable on Species I (FIG. 4A) in this patent application. Claims as presently presented readable on Species I include Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-17, 19-39, 46, 51-60, and 62-64.

Respectfully submitted,

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